

**House File 399 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to county mental health and disability services  
2 by making a supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year  
3 beginning July 1, 2012, applying credits to certain county  
4 obligations, and including effective date provisions.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID — APPROPRIATION AND BILLINGS FOR  
2 COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES.

3 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
4 state to the department of human services for the fiscal year  
5 beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, the following  
6 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
7 purposes designated:

8 To supplement the appropriation made for medical assistance  
9 reimbursement and associated costs in 2011 Iowa Acts, chapter  
10 129, section 122, and offset the credits applied in accordance  
11 with subsection 2:

12 ..... \$ 750,000

13 2. If a county applied for assistance from the mental health  
14 and disability services redesign transition fund pursuant to  
15 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120, section 23, but the county was  
16 not recommended by the department of human services for any  
17 award amount in the department's report on the transition  
18 fund submitted to the general assembly on December 4, 2012,  
19 the county shall receive a credit in accordance with this  
20 subsection. The department shall apply a credit to the  
21 county's obligation for outstanding Medicaid billings for  
22 mental health and disability services provided prior to the  
23 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. The amount of the credit  
24 shall be equal to the amount of the county's obligation or  
25 \$150,000, whichever is less.

26 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
27 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill relates to county mental health and disability  
30 (MH/DS) services by making a supplemental appropriation for FY  
31 2012-2013 and applying credits to certain county obligations.

32 Under the 2012 mental health and disability services  
33 redesign legislation enacted in 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120  
34 (SF 2315), a mental health and disability services redesign  
35 transition fund was created. Counties were authorized to

1 apply to the department of human services for assistance to  
2 continue current core MH/DS to target populations that are  
3 not funded by the medical assistance (Medicaid) program.  
4 Part of the redesign legislation provided for the state to  
5 assume responsibility effective July 1, 2012, for paying the  
6 nonfederal share of Medicaid program costs for adult MH/DS  
7 in place of the counties. Counties remain obligated for the  
8 nonfederal share of the Medicaid costs incurred prior to that  
9 date.

10 In accordance with SF 2315, the department received  
11 applications for transition fund assistance from counties and,  
12 based on various criteria in the legislation and developed  
13 by the department, made recommendations for specific funding  
14 amounts to be awarded to counties under three different  
15 scenarios. Under all three scenarios, the department  
16 recommended that six counties should not receive any funding.  
17 Of the six counties, five counties have outstanding Medicaid  
18 billing obligations.

19 The bill makes a \$750,000 appropriation to the department  
20 to supplement the FY 2012-2013 appropriation for Medicaid.  
21 If a county applied for assistance from the transition fund  
22 but the county was not recommended by the department for any  
23 award amount, the county is eligible to receive a credit. The  
24 credit is required to be applied to the county's obligation for  
25 outstanding Medicaid billings. The amount of the credit is  
26 equal to the amount of the county's obligation, or \$150,000,  
27 whichever is less.

28 The bill takes effect upon enactment.